

DETAILED ACTION

The Preliminary Amendment filed July 20, 2005 has been received. According to the Amendment, claims 3, 5, 12, and 19 have been amended; and new claims 20-22 have been added. Currently, claims 1-22 are pending in the application.

Acknowledgment has been made.

Specification

This application does not contain an abstract of the disclosure as required by 37 CFR 1.72(b). An abstract on a separate sheet is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-14 and 20-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Walker et al (6,527,638).

Referring to claims 1, 2, 6, and 10, Walker et al. teaches a method for providing an electronic lottery ticket using a terminal for inquiring a credit card, a first computer

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system for allowing an approval for a credit purchase request using the credit card (Fig.1A)(5:56-6:20), and a second computer system for issuing an electronic lottery ticket (8:24-32), the method comprising the steps of: inputting settlement request information including a settlement identifier, a credit purchase data and an electronic lottery ticket purchase data (4:10-21); transmitting the settlement request information to the second computer through a communication network; generating an electronic lottery ticket data on the basis of the electronic lottery ticket purchase data; generating settlement approval information on the basis of the settlement request information; and outputting the settlement approval information and the electronic lottery ticket data to the terminal (16:45-18:44).

Referring to claims 3 and 7, Walker et al. teaches inputting the settlement identifier and the credit purchase data to the terminal; and inputting the lottery ticket purchase data having a lottery ticket purchase price to the terminal (7:24-41).

Referring to claims 4, 5, 8, and 9, Walker et al. teaches inputting a lottery number to the terminal; and generating an electronic lottery number; and storing the generated lottery number together with the settlement identifier (16:45-17:41).

Referring to claims 10-14, Walker et al. teaches inputting second settlement request information for purchasing the conditional electronic lottery ticket to the second computer system; activating the conditional electronic lottery ticket; and generating and outputting settlement approval information on the basis of the second settlement request information; wherein the predetermined condition is a credit purchase price extracted from the first settlement request information; wherein the second settlement

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request information is a point calculated from an amount paid by credit of the purchaser; and the settlement is conducted using a credit card (Fig.7A-7I)(2:61-67;16:45-17:41).

Referring to claims 20-22, Walker et al. teaches inputting the settlement identifier and the credit purchase data to the terminal; and inputting the lottery ticket purchase data having a lottery ticket purchase price to the terminal; inputting a lottery number to the terminal; generating an electronic lottery number; and storing the generated lottery number together with the settlement identifier (Fig.7A-7I)(16:45-17:41).

Claims 15-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Walker et al. (6,267,670).

Referring to claim 15, Walker et al. teaches an apparatus for inputting a lottery number in connection to a terminal which mediates a credit purchase approval request of a purchaser using a credit card, comprising: a keypad having a plurality of number keys on an upper surface; and a key data output unit for transmitting key data corresponding to each number key to the terminal. Note that, the limitation of plurality of number keys ranged from 1 to 49 is inherent from Walker et al. teaching the apparatus being a lottery POS terminal (8:6-51).

Referring to claims 16-19, the limitations of: a key data automatic generation unit for automatically generating a predetermined number of key data at random (e.g., quick pick), wherein a number automatic selection button for selecting the operation of the key data automatic generation unit is further provided on the keypad (claim 16); a mode switching unit for switching a number inputting mode of a lottery ticket according to a

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drawing manner, wherein the keypad further includes on the upper surface: a group number selection button for selecting a group number in a drawing type lottery; and a mode selection button for selecting the operation of the mode switching unit (claim 17); a key data automatic generation unit for automatically generating a predetermined number of key data at random; and a mode switching unit for switching a number inputting mode of a lottery ticket according to a drawing manner, wherein the keypad further includes on the upper surface: a group number selection button for selecting a group number in a drawing type lottery; a number automatic selection button for selecting the operation of the key data automatic generation unit; and a mode selection button for selecting the operation of the mode switching unit (claim 18); a display for displaying number information corresponding to the key data (claim 19); these limitations are anticipated by Walker et al's teaching of the lottery terminal a the store (Fig.1, 8-11; 2:57-3:37).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Binh-An D. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-4440. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dmitry Suhol can be reached on 571-272-4430. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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